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FOR: ARA/ECA RICHARD GRAHAM AND SCS

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SUBJ: RAPE OF AMERICAN CITIZEN IN URUGUAY

1. A TWENTY-SIX YEAR-OLD AMERICAN CITIZEN TOURIST WHO HAD RECENTLY REGISTERED AT AND APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT AT EMBASSY CAME TO SEE CONOFF AUGUST 4 TO REPORT THAT SHE HAD BEEN RAPED THE NIGHT BEFORE AND WISHED TO TAKE THE MATTER TO THE POLICE.

2. AFTER EMBASSY PROVIDED USCIT WITH NAME OF AND AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN APPROPRIATE POLICE OFFICIAL, SHE WENT TO POLICE, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSULAR OFFICE LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO HELPED HER TRANSLATE STORY INTO SPANISH. RETURNING TO SCENE OF ABDUCTION ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY POLICE OFFICIALS, USCIT IDENTIFIED RAPIST WHO HAD RETURNED TO NEIGHBORHOOD. ACCUSED WAS ARRESTED AND HEARING BEFORE JUDGE WAS SCHEDULED AFTERNOON AUGUST 5.

3. CONOFF AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE ACCOMPANIED USCIT TO PENAL JUDGE'S OFFICE; ONLY USCIT, ACCUSED RAPIST, AND WITNESS WERE ALLOWED TO APPEAR BEFORE JUDGE. CONOFF WAS INFORMED CURRENT URUGUAYAN LEGAL PRACTICE DOES NOT ALLOW PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANT TO HAVE LAWYER OR OTHER PERSON
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PRESENT AT THIS STAGE. STATEMENTS BY ACCUSED COICIDED WITH THOSE OF USCIT. JUDGE FOUND HIM GUILTY AND SENTENCED HIM TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT. WHEN ASKED BY JUDGE AFTER SENTENCING IF SHE STILL WANTED TO SEE HIM PUNISHED, USCIT SAID YES.

4. SMALL ARTICLE APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER "EL PAIS" AUGUST 7,

SIMPLY STATING OMAR LOPEZ MEDINA WAS RETURNED TO JAIL FOR
THE RAPE OF A FOREIGN CITIZEN.

5. EMBASSY PROVIDED USCIT WITH LIST OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING
DOCTORS AND INDICATED OUR READINESS TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
ASSISTANCE DESIRED.

6. EMBASSY PROVIDING ABOVE INFORMATION IN EVENT DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES RELATED INQUIRY. SUBJECT'S NAME NOT PROVIDED
IN VIEW USCIT'S NATURAL DESIRE FOR PRIVACY.
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